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## VIA COURIER AND EMAIL

June 20, 2008

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Re: KeySpan Energy Delivery New England D.P.U. 07-104

National Grid D.P.U. 08-8

Attorney General's Request for a Technical Session on the Avoided Energy

Supply Costs in New England: 2007 Final Report

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

National Grid is in receipt of a letter dated June 18, 2008 from the Attorney General to the Department requesting a technical session on the Avoided Energy Supply Costs in New England: 2007 Final Report. This letter indicates that it is both a general request and is also intended to be part of the record in all open energy efficiency dockets, including those of National Grid. National Grid suggests that the Department has already developed a complete record in D.P.U. 07-104 and that an additional technical session in that proceeding only serves to delay the Company's ability to provide its customers with needed gas energy efficiency program services. The Company strongly opposes any actions that might contribute to further delay. The Attorney General was provided the 2007 Final Report in D.P.U. 07-104 on February 26, 2008, almost four months ago, and was provided the report in D.P.U. 08-08 on March 26, 2008, as part of the initial filing.

In National Grid's June 13, 2008 letter responding to the Attorney General's request for a general technical session, the Company indicated that it would be pleased to participate together with other interested stakeholders if the Department deems such an inquiry necessary *provided* that there would be no delay with respect to the Company's energy efficiency dockets, including DPU 07-104 and DPU 08-8. The Company has not changed its position. The Attorney General's stated intent is to file the same request in all of the remaining 2008 energy efficiency dockets as the dockets open. Because a number of companies have not yet filed, it makes little sense to unnecessarily delay the Department's decision making in D.P.U. 07-104 and D.P.U. 08-8. This is especially true with respect to D.P.U. 07-104 that has included extensive discovery by the Attorney General and the Department and has been pending for many months. As stated before, there is already sufficient information on which to base a final decision in these cases.

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As the Company and other intervenors have pointed out repeatedly, any further delay could result in harm to consumers in light of historically high energy costs.

Very truly yours,

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